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Attorney Docket No. 3029-72US (12258)

In re

Patent Application of:

Surjan et al.

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Examiner: Dahbour, Fadi H

"SELF REGULATING FLEXIBLE HEATER"

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below.

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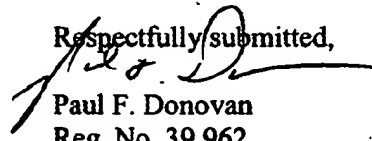
REMARKS:

At the time of the final Office Action, claims 1-25 were pending. Claims 1-20 and 22-25 stand allowed. Claim 21 stands rejected. Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the cited art, claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed, now cancelled, claim 22. Thus, claim 21 is allowable. Claims 1-21 and 23-25 remain pending in the subject application.

An IDS citing new art that recently came to the attention of the applicants is included herewith. Citation of the art does not mean the applicants believe the references are prior art to this application.

Reconsideration of the rejected claims and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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